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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Before Sonic moved into our area, our broadband rates were astronomically ridiculous, support was poor to non-existent, and you had to accept the product at hand or go without. Thats it. My family and I, as well as our neighbors are the consumers, and we want more options instead of outdated equipment with shoddy customer service, with internet performance that functioned as mediocre vs all of the time for what we overpaid for. No more paying for substandard service and accepting the status quo and one should never have to.

My family supports broadband competition. A competitor moving into our neighborhood provided us the solution to personal and professional internet connection abilities. Teleworking at home with a true high speed connection is the end result. This pays forward for our employer, to reap the benefit of this efficiency. Switching from one provider to another through broadband competitiveness provided our family a superior product to the existing service providers of just Comcast and AT&T. They cant compete in the same vein and theyre using our political leaders to push back fair competition. They literally cannot compete and are threatened by the competition by playing the political game. Thats the only true reason to restrict a competitive market. We do not support crushing the broadband market competition through lawsuits, false findings, weighing in on political lobbies, etc, nor should the FCC.

Pushing the FCC into a marketing decision that will foster price gouging and substandard performance such as what AT&T is attempting is unethical and a true mark of a time for change. Our top political leaders have made it very clear that it is time to clean the swamp. What bigger swamp is there than a giant company attempting to control or sway the FCC? Allowing broadband free market competition is a solid approach to clean up the existing broadband problems we have to date and it avoid (at least the perception) of the FCC allowing larger companies like AT&T sway the FCC away from what is right and ethical by refusing a company giant from squashing the growing competition.

Yes, broadband is critical to our family via our livelihood and improved connection to others. My prior DSL and cable connections for internet and phone services were ineffective, outdated, and poor quality (AT&T and Comcast). Now, we have uninterrupted service at finally a financially

manageable rate (a decrease of \$100/mo savings). This means money back into my familys pocket to forward into and grow the US economy. Thats what AT&T and other mega companies are asking you to take away from my family and the American public. That does not Make America Great Again.

Very respectfully,

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